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Some snow is evident as Snow Valley Mountain Resort near Running Springs prepares for the winter season.

WAITING ON THE WEATHER

Inland ski resorts need a cold spell — and a little snow — to open the winter season

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It's not likely to be a white Thanksgiving on Southern California's ski and snowboard slopes, but if you're lucky, Black Friday might be followed by an early white December.

"People are fired up," said John McColly, chief marketing officer for Mountain High on Monday. "They're ready for winter."

Mountain High is expecting to open early next month, as soon as Southern California's record-breaking warm Thanksgiving temperatures give way to weather more fitting of the season, McColly said.

It's a stark difference from this past weekend.

On Sunday, parents and their children on inner tubes slid down the hills of Big Bear Snow Play in Big Bear Lake, where temperatures dipped into the teens over the weekend. The park was able to get a base of 6 inches to 2½ feet of snow.

"We're ready to ramp up our snowmaking efforts the moment conditions allow

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Daniel Wright prepares snow grooming equipment at Snow Valley. The resort said it has made snow on a number of slopes.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Another sales tax could be in our future

Transportation board might consider a ballot measure to raise money for long-term needs

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Worries about long-term transportation needs have spurred rumblings of a ballot measure for another sales tax to fund transportation projects in Riverside County.

Early next year, the county Transportation Commission could discuss whether to ask voters for a new sales tax to complement one in effect for almost 30 years. A new state law gives the commission flexibility to seek a second sales tax, which would require approval from two-thirds of commissioners and two-thirds of voters.

Voters approved the county's half-cent transportation sales tax, known as Measure A, in 1988, and in 2002 they extended it to June 30, 2039.

Talk of a new tax comes as Californians start paying more for transportation work. SB1, passed in Sacramento in April, raised the gas tax 12 cents a gallon, raises diesel taxes and creates new annual fees on vehicles to finance $54 billion for road repairs and other

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"The projections suggest to me that there will be a need for the continued development of new and improved transportation infrastructure throughout Riverside County."

— Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione

POLITICS

Urging on 'Dreamer' legislation

Business leaders from Silicon Valley and beyond call on Congress to act

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A bipartisan coalition of California business leaders said Tuesday that hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars are at stake if Congress fails to pass legislation salvaging DACA, the program that has let hundreds of thousands of young immigrants here illegally stay in the U.S.

The Trump administration announced on Sept. 5 that it was phasing out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in the next six months, giving Congress a last-ditch opportunity to step in. Amid rumblings in Washington about a possible government shutdown over the DACA impasse, the business leaders urged Congress to act by the end of the year.

"Uncertainty is hard on both the employee and the employer," said

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'TROUBLE IN TOYLAND'

If safety is first, list these last, group says

Trade association for toy industry says some products in researchers' crosshairs are already under recalls

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CalPIRG's Julia McLaughlin says the My Friend Cayla doll poses a threat because it collects information about children as they play with it.

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Not even bad girls and boys deserve this aisle of misfit toys, says a consumer advocacy group that unveiled a list Tuesday of potentially unsafe holiday gifts for children.

The California Public Interest Research Group Education Fund's 32nd annual "Trouble in Toyland" report lists toys the group considers hazardous because of high lead content, privacy concerns or other safety issues.

A toy industry trade group — and toy manufacturers — took issue with the

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McLaughlin and Dr. Touraj Shafai, an Inland pediatrician, go over toys in the 32nd annual report.

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Farewell to a teen idol

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David Cassidy, singer, star of "The Partridge Family" and Broadway performer, dies at 67. **NEWS 3**

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Drivers travel on I-10 in Ontario near the I-15 interchange Monday.

TURKEY TIME TIPS

Thanksgiving is just a day away.

Our handy guide offers plenty of tips for those jumping in the car and for those staying at home.

If you're hitting the freeways, experts predict a crush of cars — and about 3.3 million people — will greet you. If you do drive, you'll likely encounter an army of CHP officers aggressively battling drunken driving this holiday weekend.

Those with relatives coming into town will want to ponder our list of five things to do in the Inland Empire — from a comedy show to skating — before it's time to carve that plump turkey. **LOCAL 1**

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